



## **Strengthening CSO's Institutional and Operational Capacity to Respond to Gender Inequities and Violence - *MenEngage***

**EU contribution:** € 180 000 (approx. BWP 2 500 000)

**Period of implementation:** 2023-2025

**Location:** Botswana, country wide

**Implementing organisation(s):** MenEngage Botswana

**Project objectives and description:** This initiative will boost the institutional and operational capacity of MenEngage Botswana's network members, ensuring they develop sustainable systems, strong governance, and effective resource management. By doing so, it will help them operate more efficiently, secure funding, and remain accountable to the communities they serve. A key focus is enhancing programme delivery. Equipping members with the skills to plan, implement, monitor, and evaluate their work so it better addresses local needs. At the same time, the project will empower women, youth, and vulnerable groups within the network, helping them challenge systemic barriers that limit their access to resources, opportunities, and decision-making power.

### **Achievements / expected results:**

This project will create real, measurable change—both in strengthening organisations and in shifting how society responds to gender-based violence:

- More empowered civil society groups will emerge, with stronger leadership, better funding strategies, and sharper skills in tracking their impact—helping them work smarter and collaborate more effectively with partners.
- Women, young people, and vulnerable groups will be trained in advocacy and GBV awareness, giving them the tools to speak up and drive change.
- The media will play a bigger role—journalists trained in ethical, sensitive GBV reporting will help shift public attitudes, with more stories documented, analysed, and shared in ways that challenge harmful norms.

**Incoming public / visibility events:** -

**Project website / Social media account links:**

- <https://menengageafrica.org/mea-network/menengage-botswana>